

Professors and Non Professors are all going down to Heil together.
Bro. P. how can we get a grasp upon the consciousness of
ministers in Massachusetts. We have been dealing in co-
verts, respecting honesty, in faith and practice, until
we have shrank into our shells and are then lying
dormant. It does seem to me that I could sound
an alarm to the Zion, Watchmen, which would call
the ears of many to tingle, could I but get hold of
a trumpet. The Evangelist is too far off to reach
make its sound heard extensively in this region -
and as for the Recorder, it is so out of tune that it
will only give an uncertain sound. Bro. Someth-
ing must be done to set dumb dogs a barking, or
the Philistines will be upon us.

Much love to Mrs P. Let me hear from you im-
mediately. Do much haste

John W. Denby

Sherburne June 6th 1833

Dear Mr Phelps,

I have lately ascertained that Mr
Hutchings with his associate for the Ceylon Mission are
to sail from Boston June 29th or July 1st. It will be
necessary for me to be in Boston at that time to wait
upon Mrs Lathrop. And now can you exchange with
me. June 30th I must be in Boston at that time,
Providence permitting, and it will not do to leave my
people unsupplied. — If you cannot come, to Mendon
at that time I must look to you to find me a sub-
sidiary book and crook, at my expense. But I
hope you can conveniently exchange. Nothing of spe-
cial interest among my people. We are commencing
an effort to remove the Meetinghouse debt. My people
have just raised about 200 dollars, on a conditional sub-
scription to be paid if the debt be cancelled by June
1833. With the form of subscription, I am about to
make application to Dr Chandler. — Ministers and
Chaplains in this region are in a most lamentable state
and dead, ourselves, the numbers of death are depa-
rting the unpeopled. And I sometimes am led to believe that